

CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1. A gaming machine for conducting a wagering game, comprising:
a visual display; and
5 a panel mounted in front of the display and revealing at least a portion of the display, the panel being coated or impregnated with a conductive material to provide shielding from electromagnetic interference.
2. The machine of claim 1, wherein the panel is substantially transparent where
10 the panel reveals the portion of the display.
3. The machine of claim 1, wherein the display includes an electro-mechanical, symbol-bearing reel.
- 15 4. The machine of claim 1, wherein the visual display is adapted to display the wagering game.
5. The machine of claim 1, wherein the panel provides shielding effectiveness of at least 7 dB.
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6. The machine of claim 1, wherein the panel is comprised of glass.
7. The machine of claim 1, wherein the panel is coated with a film containing indium tin oxide.
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8. The machine of claim 1, further including a bezel encompassing the panel, the bezel being coated or impregnated with a conductive material to provide shielding from electromagnetic interference.
- 30 9. The machine of claim 1, further including an externally visible device selected from a group consisting of a bill validator, a coin acceptor, a printer, a card reader, a card reader display, and a secondary display, the device being encompassed by a

bezel coated or impregnated with a conductive material to provide shielding from electromagnetic interference.

10. A panel for a gaming machine that conducts a wagering game, the panel being
5 positioned in front of a visual display and revealing at least a portion of the display, the panel being coated or impregnated with a conductive material to provide shielding from electromagnetic interference.
11. The panel of claim 10, wherein the panel is substantially transparent where the
10 panel reveals the portion of the display.
12. The panel of claim 10, wherein the panel provides shielding effectiveness of at least 7 dB.
13. The panel of claim 10, wherein the panel is comprised of glass.
14. The panel of claim 10, wherein the panel is coated with a film containing indium tin oxide.
15. An assembly for a gaming machine that conducts a wagering game, the
20 assembly comprising:
a panel positioned in front of a visual display of the machine and revealing at least a portion of the display; and
a bezel encompassing the panel, each of the panel and the bezel being coated
25 or impregnated with a conductive material to provide shielding from electromagnetic interference.
16. The assembly of claim 15, wherein the panel is substantially transparent where the panel reveals the portion of the display.
17. The assembly of claim 15, wherein the panel provides shielding effectiveness of at least 7 dB.
18. The assembly of claim 15, wherein the panel is comprised of glass.

19. The assembly of claim 15, wherein the panel is coated with a film containing indium tin oxide.
- 5 20. A gaming machine for conducting a wagering game, comprising:
an externally visible device for facilitating play of the gaming machine, the
device being selected from a group consisting of a bill validator, a coin
acceptor, a printer, a card reader, a card reader display, and a display;
and
10 a bezel encompassing the device, the bezel being coated or impregnated with a
conductive material to provide shielding from electromagnetic
interference.